

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on January 31, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Greef (R)
Rep. A. Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 3, 1/26/2017; SB 19, 1/26/2017; SB 131, 1/27/2017

HEARING ON SB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:04 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 131, Revise the effective date provisions for the Montana medical marijuana act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:52 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MTCIA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:55 Stan Frasier, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:26 Rep. Hayman
00:20:21 Kate Cholewa, MTCIA
00:20:39 Rep. Hayman
00:20:46 Rep. Bennett
00:21:18 Kate Cholewa, MTCIA
00:21:36 Chair Mandeville

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:39 Sen. Thomas

00:22:45 Rep. Greef joined meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 131

00:25:45 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **SB 131 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:25:55 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **SB 131 BE AMENDED BY STRIKING LINES 10-22.**

Discussion:

00:26:20 Rep. Bennett
00:27:57 Rep. Skees
00:29:00 Rep. Bachmeier
00:29:33 Rep. Bennett
00:29:44 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:30:18 Rep. Staffanson
00:30:40 Rep. Bennett
00:31:30 Rep. Lenz
00:32:18 Rep. Skees
00:33:02 Chair Mandeville
00:33:40 Rep. Custer
00:34:06 Chair Mandeville
00:34:46 Rep. Shaw
00:35:05 Sheri Scurr, LSD

00:35:40 Without objection, Rep. Bennett withdrew the **BE AMENDED** motion.

00:35:48 Without objection, Rep. McKamey withdrew the **BE CONCURRED IN** motion.

00:35:51 Chair Mandeville

HEARING ON SB 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:41 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 3, Revise election expenditure laws relating to candidate filing fee.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:41:09 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:14 Rep. Custer
00:43:48 Jonathan Motl, COPP
00:44:27 Rep. Staffanson
00:45:04 Jonathan Motl, COPP
00:45:10 Rep. Staffanson
00:45:12 Jonathan Motl, COPP
00:45:47 Chair Mandeville
00:46:19 Jonathan Motl, COPP
00:46:46 Chair Mandeville
00:46:57 Jonathan Motl, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:17 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SB 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:24 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 19, Eliminate interim committee information technology reporting requirement.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:51 Lynne Pizzini, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:35 Rep. Skees
00:53:02 Lynne Pizzini, DOA

00:53:16 Rep. Custer
00:53:50 Lynne Pizzini, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:31 Sen. Kary

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:55:45

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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